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FOR AF/W TOM SMITH

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE VISIT

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1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY NOTE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON "MAY 29" TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF C-130S. I PLAN TO SEE DJERMAKOYE TOMORROW TO REVIEW IN GENERAL WAY STATUS OF GON REQUEST ON BASIS OF REFTEL B. BUT IN ANY CASE, DJERMAKOYE WILL WISH TO PURSUE QUESTION WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON IN LATE MAY (SEE REFTEL A). PLEASE CONFIRM BY IMMEDIATE CABLE THAT SOME ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEIVING DJERMAKOYE IN DEPARTMENT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN, SO THAT I CAN INFORM HIM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. SINCE MAY 29 IS HOLIDAY ASSUME DEPT. WILL WISH TO WORK OUT ALTERNATIVE TIME FOR DJERMAKOYE TO BE PRESENT THERE AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH AMB. WRIGHT RE HIS SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED REFTEL A.

3. AS NOTED REFTEL A BELIEVE IT WORTHWHILE IF DJERMAKOYE COULD BE EXPOSED DIRECTLY TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE QUESTIONS DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT SO HE MAY
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HAVE BETTER VIEW OF REALITIES INVOLVED. I PLAN TO TELL DJERMAKOYE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THAT TENTATIVE PRICE ESTIMATED ON C-130S ARE VERY LARGE. BUT I DO NOT PLAN TO GET INTO SPECIFICS OF PACKAGE PROPOSED REFTEL B SINCE I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DEVISE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION MORE IN LINE WITH NIGER'S FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES AND REAL NEEDS.JAMES

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